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KYNECT.KY.GOV THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

On October 1, 2013, Kentucky's Exchange website for the Affordable Care Act came online - kynect.ky.gov.

An Exchange is an organized marketplace for individuals and employees of small businesses to shop for health insurance offered by insurers (insurance companies, CO-OPs and OPM plans), and compare those plans based on price and quality. Individuals may also apply for Medicaid or the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) coverage through the Exchange.

Starting next year, most Americans will be required to have health insurance. By using kynect, you may receive payment assistance, special discounts or tax credits to help cover the costs of coverage for you, your family or your Employees. kynect will allow you to compare and select insurance plans and find out if you qualify for programs like Medicaid or the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program.

Open Enrollment

Begins October 1, 2013 and runs through March 31, 2014, with coverage beginning as soon as January 1, 2014.

By visiting the kynect.ky.gov website, you can find out if you qualify for Medicaid or KCHIP or payment assistance to purchase health coverage through kynect. Kynect will offer choices of health plans at a good value.

Applying for Coverage

There are lots of ways to apply: online, with a paper application, in person with help from a kynector or insurance agent, or through toll-free contact center. With one application, kynect will check your eligibility for programs that can help you pay for health insurance for yourself, your family or your employees.

Individuals may qualify for premium assistance if their household income for the taxable year is between 138% and up to 400% of the federal poverty level (FPL).



**For information
and help:**

KYNECT.KY.GOV

Call Center:

**1-855-4kynect
(459-6328)**

**Insurance Agents
and Kynectors:**

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Medicaid applications may be filed at anytime. Income Limits for Medicaid Expansion:

2013 Federal Poverty Guidelines (Annual Income)	
Household Size	138%
1	\$15,856
2	\$21,404
3	\$26,951
4	\$32,499
5	\$38,047
6	\$43,594
7	\$49,142
8	\$54,689

Source: www.medicaid.gov

Premium Assistance Applications for coverage in the Individual market must be filed during the Initial open enrollment period – Oct 1, 2013- March 31, 2014 and during Annual open enrollment period. Income Limits for Premium Subsidy:

2013 Federal Poverty Guidelines (Annual Income)		
Household Size	138%	400%
1	\$15,856	\$45,960
2	\$21,404	\$62,040
3	\$26,951	\$78,120
4	\$32,499	\$94,200
5	\$38,047	\$110,280
6	\$43,594	\$126,360
7	\$49,142	\$142,440
8	\$54,689	\$158,520

Source: www.medicaid.gov

A release from prison is considered to be a “qualifying event” and individuals have 60 days to apply for coverage in the individual market outside the initial and annual open enrollment periods.

Education and Outreach

There are three types of assistors: Kynectors, Insurance Agents, and Customer Service Representatives (call center). Kynect.ky.gov - has links to be able to find a kynector in your area or you may call the call center for further help: **Call Center: 1-855-4kynect (459-6328); Insurance Agents and Kynectors: 1-855-326-4650. Call Center hours; Mon.-Fri., 8:00a.m. – 7:00 p.m. (ongoing); Sat., 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (beg. Oct 1) Sat., 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (beg. Jan 1)**

Institutions and P&P Districts Offering “New Direction”

Last year when “New Direction” was introduced as a barriers program for the offender population, we weren’t sure how it would be received by staff teaching the course and offenders taking the course.

Institutions and Jails

- Bell County Forestry Camp
- Blackburn Correctional Complex
- Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex
- Green River Correctional Complex
- Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women
- Kentucky State Penitentiary
- Kentucky State Reformatory
- Little Sandy Correctional Complex
- Luther Luckett Correctional Complex
- Northpoint Training Center
- Roederer Correctional Complex
- Western Kentucky Correctional Complex
- Marion County Detention Center

All 19 Probation and Parole Supervision Districts and all Kentucky Institutions now have certified trainers!



Probation & Parole

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 5
- District 6
- District 7
- District 8
- District 9
- District 10
- District 11
- District 12
- District 14
- District 15
- District 16
- District 17
- District 18
- District 19
- District 20

New Direction has 19 modules and 7 sub-modules that are an hour each. The entire course takes 6 months or 26 hours of class time to complete for 90 days of sentence credit. The barriers covered are from money management, employment, parenting, child support, living under supervision, medical, family and friends just to mention a few of the subjects covered.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

REVIEW OF 2013 AND LOOKING TO 2014

The Family Engagement Sessions for 2013 have come to end and the planning for the sessions for 2014 are in the works! The Department of Corrections and local reentry councils host these sessions throughout the state. The sessions are scheduled in the evening in order to allow the majority of family and loved ones to attend.

The families that have attended the sessions in 2013 have stated that they are extremely helpful to them; however, the challenge comes in the best way to get the information out to the families of those incarcerated. If you might have any suggestions or ideas, please email them to kerry.mears@ky.gov

The sessions are broken down into two parts. The first half focuses on where the offender could be housed, what programs and services are available and an overview of the new assessment process from sentencing. The second half covers an offender who is nearing release and the meeting focuses on reentry and the programs the offender may have participated in, the role of the family in reentry, what to expect when an offender is under supervision and common requirements of supervision are explained.

Representatives from Kentucky's reentry branch, Division of Probation and Parole and staff from area prisons, including a federal probation officer, have been and will continue to be available at each of the Family Engagement Sessions to answer questions. Additionally, service providers in the area may be available to discuss resources for the families and information about reentry resources will be available.



Once the 2014 schedules are done, they will be posted online. For Locations and information can be found at:

<http://corrections.ky.gov/reentry/Pages/FamilyEngagementSessions.aspx>.

After years of dedication to the Kentucky Re-entry Efforts, Brigid Adams is leaving the Department of Corrections. We would like to thank her for her years of contributions and tireless efforts! We will all miss you and we wish you the best!



www.secondchanceky.org

Do you have a felony?

Do you know someone with a felony?

Do you or someone you know need assistance with employment, housing, education, meals, and other sources to be successful?

Do you need a second chance?

www.secondchanceky.org is a website dedicated to helping people overcome obstacles in the pathway to success.

If you have any comments, questions, suggestions, articles, etc for the TOOLBOX, please email to: kerry.mears@ky.gov

LEGAL AID OFFERS FREE ASSISTANCE

LOUISVILLE, KY—The Legal Aid Society announces dates for free legal clinics offered during the months of January, February, and March of 2014. Please note some clinics require a reservation in advance. See the RSVP line for each event for reservation information.

WHAT: FORECLOSURE CLINIC

WHEN: Tuesday, January 14, at 11:00 AM
Thursday, January 16, at 4:00 PM
Tuesday, January 21, at 11:00 AM
Thursday, January 23, at 4:00 PM
Tuesday, January 28, at 11:00 AM
Thursday, January 30, at 4:00 PM
Tuesday, February 4, at 11:00 AM
Thursday, February 6, at 4:00 PM
Tuesday, February 11, at 11:00 AM
Thursday, February 13, at 4:00 PM
Tuesday, February 18, at 11:00 AM
Thursday, February 20, at 4:00 PM
Tuesday, February 25, at 11:00 AM
Thursday, February 27, at 4:00 PM

WHERE: Legal Aid Society office (416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.)

PURPOSE: Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions about foreclosures and provide advice on alternatives to foreclosure.

RSVP: Call Legal Aid at (502) 584-1254 to make a reservation.

WHAT: ASK-A-LAWYER CLINIC

WHEN: Tuesday, January 14, at 6:00 PM

WHERE: Catholic Enrichment Center (3146 W. Broadway)

PURPOSE: A Legal Aid advocate will be available for individual consultation about civil legal problems and how to apply for Legal Aid services.

RSVP: No appointment is necessary. First come, first served.

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WHAT: DIVORCE CLINIC

WHEN: Friday, January 24, at 9:30 AM

Friday, February 7, at 9:30 AM

Friday, February 28, at 9:30 AM

WHERE: Legal Aid Society office (416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.)

PURPOSE: Clients will receive assistance from attorneys in filling out all of the necessary paperwork to file for a divorce.

RSVP: Call Legal Aid at (502) 584-1254 to make a reservation.

WHAT: EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC

WHEN: Thursday, January 30, at 1:00 PM

Thursday, February 20, at 1:00 PM

WHERE: Louisville Free Public Library Main Branch (301 York St.), South Wing, 2nd Floor

PURPOSE: An attorney will be on hand to discuss the expungement process and which charges can be expunged. Attendees are encouraged to bring a copy of their criminal record which shows the disposition of each case. A copy of the record may be obtained from Court Archives located in the basement of the Old Jail Building at 514 West Liberty Street in Louisville.

RSVP: Call Legal Aid at (502) 584-1254 to make a reservation.